



HARRY STONE MONTESSORI ACADEMY
AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL (MYP)
“World Class Scholars: Traveling the Road Towards Excellences!”

2019-2020

PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

The administration, staff and parents of Harry Stone Montessori Academy an IB World School (MYP) believe that preparing students both academically and socially is a responsibility shared by the entire school community, including the school district, school, community members, school administration, staff, students, and parents. In order to reach this goal, we must work together to ensure that students are successful in school. To ensure parents of Title 1 children have an opportunity for input into the planning, design, and implementation for the Title 1 program, Harry Stone Montessori Academy an IB World School (MYP) shall:

Parent Communication

- **Encourage parents to attend:**
 - An annual meeting each fall to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation in Title I and to explain the requirements of Title I, and the right of the parents to be involved.
 - PTA (Parent/Teacher Association) meetings will be held once each six weeks
 - SBDM (Site-Based Decision Making) meetings at least four times during the 2019-2020 school year
 - Provide and agenda/accompanying documents in advance for participants to review.
 - Provide advance notice for upcoming events. (at least two weeks...)
 - Provide participants with an opportunity to submit questions in advance of the meetings.
- **Encourage parent(s)/guardians (s) to review:**
 - Information posted on the school's website (CIP, Parent Involvement Policy, Student /Parent/School Compact, etc.)
 - Their child's progress on a regular basis (ie. Weekly Folders, Parent Portal, Progress Reports, Notes, Planners, E-mails, Student Journals etc.)

Instructional Involvement

- **Encourage parents to participate in:**
 - Parent/Teacher Conferences held on October 14, 2019 & January 16, 2020
 - Parent Volunteer Program
 - Family Curriculum Nights
 - Classroom Observation (Schedule a time with the instructor.)
 - Accompanying and supporting students when participating in school and District activities/ Field Experiences.

Training Opportunities for Parents

- **Encourage parents to attend:**
 - Parent Workshops
 - Trainings provided to help improve student achievement
 - The Montessori Experience @HSMA
 - Trainings on such topics as parents deem necessary to encourage full participation in Title I planning, review, and implementation processes
 - Offer parent orientation sessions, per grade pods and/or levels.

Parents are encouraged to discuss needs, concerns and suggestions with teachers, the counselor, and the administrative team. We believe that ALL of the students at Harry Stone Montessori Academy an IB World School (MYP) can and will be successful.